"Workingmen of all countries unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains: you have a world to gain."

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Large Representation of State Locale at Peoria July 4th. Total of Seventy-five Delegates, Representing Nineteen Locals. Harmony Marks En-tire Proceedings. Spirited Discussion on State Platform. The Plat-form as Finally Adopted. Resolutions Adopted. Discussion on Con-stitution. Request of Ladies-Auxiliary for Official Recognition is De-nied. Convention Closes with Nominating Candidates for Various

State Convention of the Socialist Party of Illinois to the fact that at the present tion tour of the state with Comrade met at the Assembly Room in the City time, in what is designated by the pub-Hall of Peoris on July 4th the meeting lic press as a time of unexampled prosbeing called to order at 9.15 a. m. by perity, there is so large an army of the which was loudly applauded and en-Comrade Ruth Dick Hall, who opened unemployed as to constitute an almost cored. Comrade J. W. Saunders, the the proceedings by reading the minutes insuperable obstacle to all efforts on State Organizer, then was given the of the State Executive Committee au- the part of the workers, organized and floor for the purpose of urging the lothorizing the present Convention.

Comrade Samuel Block of Peoria was elected temporary chairman and Miss the way of better hours and wages, are the Chicago Socialist. The response Hall as Secretary. A committeee on obtained only after hard battles, and was very satisfactory, many locals takrules was chosen, composed of com- are at once offset by the increased ing a large number of subscription rades Sjodin, Nelson, and Welzenbach prices of the necessaries of life. while comrades Kennedy. Moore and In spite of the fact that the forces

When the meeting re-convened the credentials were read and the roll call was subsequently increased to 75 by his income remains at or near the sub-the addition of nine delegates from vari-ous State Locals, who arrived after the proceedings had commenced and the credential committeee had reported.

ton, Chicago, Decatur, Elgin, Evan- is either openly defeated in the legislaston, Glen Ellyn, Galesburg, Glen Carbon, Middle Grove, Moline, Mount Olive, form, or finally overthrown in the Peoria, Pekin, Quincy, Rock Island. Staunton, Streator and Wesley. Local witheld from the cities, towns and villocals being represented by an aggre- thus putting the more advanced por-

The report of the Committees on Credentials was adopted, as was also the report of the Committee on Rules, with ties are alike arranged against the a few minor amendments.

permanent chaltman and Miss Ruth ing to steal the phrases of the Socialist Dick Hall permanent secretary.

Committee on Platform consisted of the following thirteen delegates: Blake, sent economic system, the private own-Knopfnagel, Sissman, Sims, Kaplan, erable of the means of production and d'atribution. Daly, Kerr and Evans.

Committee on Ways and Means. even Delegates: Kennedy, Lyons,

Committee on Resolutions. Six Deleelson(of Streator) Diseman and Bard. Committee on Constitution. Eight Delegates: Larsen, Smith, Driesvoght, Mrs. Nelson, McCullom, Finsterbach,

A communication from the Ladies official recognition from the Convention, was read and referred to the Committee on Constitution, after which a when that system will be abolished by motion to adjourn until 1.80 P. M. was the common ownership of the means of

the program had been unanimously adopted by the entire committee with the exception of certain specified meare being a difference of opinion as ative Commonwealth.

dopt that portion of the platform upon ch all the committee had agreed, the

owed the Convention equally di- adopted.

PARTY PLATFORM.

cialist Party in Conventi-

Kerr, were elected as committees on of production are being improved at an credentials. A recess of half an hour unprecedented rate, that the wastes of ing results. For State Treasurer, A. W. was decided upon to await report of industry and competition are being eli- Nelson of Streator; Superintendent of minated by concentration, and that the Public Instruction J. B. Smiley: Clerk etress of labor is being continually increased, the share of the worker in the increased product of his skill and indu- Hunt, Miss Lydia Swanson and J. W. showed a total of 66 delegates which stry grows ever less relatively, so that Saunders.

The whole strength of the present government of the State of Illinois is having completed its work, the Illinois used to maintain the exploiting class State Convention disbanded, and the Representatives from the following and to increase its unearned income. locals were present; Bloomington Can- Legislation demanded by the workers homes. ture, passed in a purposely defective courts. Local autonomy has been Chicago sent 49 delegates, the other lages and concentrated in the state, tions of the State at the mercy of the more backward.

The Democratic and Republican parworkers. Alarmed by the growing Comrade J. B. Smiley was elected strength of Socialism, they are now seek-Movement. But neither of them dares attack the only vital point in the pre-

riel and economic interests of classes. The Socialist Party therefore calls upor the wage working class and all those unite with them to the end that the control of the political powers of the Westerman, Sims, Rosenberg, State may be obtained and used in the interest of the producers of wealth rather than the exploiters of labor.

The Socialist Party pledges itself to use all the power that it may control, in the interest of the producing class. Its candidates when elected will do all Auxiliary of the Socialist Party asking in their power towards improving the condition of the workers while the wage system lasts, and to hasten the time production and distribution.

In all State Legislation the Socialist seated a number of delegates who had Party will work for all laws for the arrived during the forenoon and pro- protection of the interests of the work-Committee on Platform was read by at stake, and for all measures which rade Kaplan who explained that will raise the standard of living of that class. Its fundamental purpose however, is to secure the entire abolition of the wage system, and to socialize nich Socialist candidates were the means of production and distribued to work for in case of election. tion by the installation of the Co-oper-

made its report. The first resolution, dealing with the anthracite coal miners strike in Pennsylvania, assuring them of the support and sympaths of the sicialists and recommending the carrying disputed clauses to be considered after. of their struggle to the ballot box was dopted unanimously.

Trades Unionists the absolute failure of their efforts to obtain favorable legislature from the present Legislature. force their demands. This was also

was found that the real nature of the so called "Civic Fe-

of the Socialist Party of Illinois and urging its support upon the locals, was

Means suggesting methods of agitation and general propaganda was adopted

was the next business. It was pro-rected, and exhaustively discussed.

tion which was made to the

came to the conclusion that the best interests of the party would not be advanced by conceding either request and both were voted down by a small majority. The Convention then took up the Constitution clause by clause and minutely discussed it.

Finally after several minor amendments and changes had been made, ic was adopted substantially as presented by the Committee. A short interval in which the singers, Comrades Mallory According to schedule the Illinow, We call the attention of the workers and Pease, who are now on an agita-Kirkpatrick, favored the convention with an exhibition of the vocal art unorganized, to better their condition, cals represented to undertake a more Whatever trifling gains are secured in vigorous support of their official organ cards.

Nominations for the different state offices were then made with the followof the Supreme Court, David Roberts: University Trustees, Mrs. Gertrude B.

As there was no further business to be transacted a motion to adjourn was seconded and carried at 10.30 P. M. and various delegates returned to their

Open Air Meetings.

Cottage Grove Ave. and 71st Street Saturday at 8 p. m. Speakers: Steadman and Berlyn.

Saturday, 8 p. m. Milwaukee and Western Avenues. Speakers: Jorgengensen and Wanhope.

Saturday 8 p. m. Belmont and Albany. Speakers: Gillsmark, Peterson and Saturday 8 p. m. Milwaukee and Cen-

ter: Speakers: Wochosky and local Sunday, S p. m. Ogden and Warren

Av. (Union Park). Speakers: Smiley and Hechtman. Saturday 8 p. m. Ashland Ave and Erle Street. Speaker: Goodspeed. Sunday 3 p. m. California and North

Avenues. Speakers: Steadman and Saturday 8 p. m. Division and Ashland. Speakers: Ehnborn and Kuesch. Teddy. Don't try to "deal with indus-Avenue. Speakers: Arentsen and you soon enough.

Kuechenbecker and Gnadt. Sunday 7.30 p. m. Division and Sedg wick Streets. Speaker: Meinke.

Friday 8 p. m. Sheffield and Beimont Avenues. Mance. Tuesday 8 p. m. Ohio and N. Clark

Streets. Speakers: C. L. Brecken and Mance. Wednesday 8 p. m. Sedgwick and

Oak Streets. Speaker: Meinke. Thursday 8 p. m. North Clark and Walton Place. Speaker: J. B. Smiley. Sunday 3 p. m. N. Maplewood and

Fullerion. Speakers: Bartels and Jor-Sunday 8 p. m. Western and North Avenue. Speakrs: John Peterson and

Saturday 8 p. m. Robey and Chicago Avenue. Speakers: Arentsen and Fre-

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Saturday 8 p. m. N. Clark and North Ave. Speakers: Mance and Kuesch. Tuesday eve, at 39th and State Sts. burg. Speakers: Bartels and Peterson. Tusday evening at 19th and Sigle Sts. Spenkers: R. T. Sims and Berlyn

Thursday evening, Sist and State Sts. Speakers; L. Forberg and Steadman. Friday 5 p. m. 51st and Halsted Sts.

Saturday 8 p. m. 47th and Ashland Av. Speaker; B. Berlyn. Saturday 8 p. m. 111th and Michigan

Av. Speaker: R. T. Sims. Sunday 8 p. m. Erie and Carpenter Streets. Speakers: Wigsnes and Ehn-

Tuesday 8 p. m. Lake and 48th Av. Speakers: J. Wanhope, W. I. Goodspeed and E. M. Stangland.

Compage John Collins organized a toal of the Socialist party last week in Hamiton, Pa., with 33 memocrs. The messegs which he conducts I were all

Socialist party of Washington held in stare convention on June 29th. Platry worker the full product of his labor."

Colorado Socialists held their State

CURRENT COMMENT

By PEYTON BOSWELL.

his millions to charity and will henceforth live in a woodshed, evidently believes in being kind to the poor. He is an ideal embodiment of capitalistic charity. But instead of being kind to the poor, would it not be much better Maybe he votes the socialist ticket. selves? Then there would be no millionaries, hence no necessity for charity,

Burlington, Iowa, has been enjoined by the courts from building a munici- My dear Comrade Greenbaum: pal waterworks plant. Just the other day a court enjoined Tom Johnson's from me I drop the comrades a line. three cent fares. Middle class public All human liberty is dead in America. ownership reformers are being led a Tell the boys not to go out and mock strenuous life by the capitalistic ser- the silent dead on the ingiorious fourth vants of state, but the injunction idea of July. On Thursday night I was doesn't trouble the socialist at all. He served with a federal injunction, warned understands that the working class not to hold a meeting in sight of that must first make itself the ruling class, most sacred of things in America the and the rest will be easy.

and hominy.

the rich growing richer, a vague mys- tales of the causes that led to their trous SOMETHING; gnawing at the crime. They said they hoped we would vitals of civilization-such in brief is stay with them. We ordered breakfast the substance of the weekly letters of in and divided with these unfortunates. Henry George, Jr., appearing on the You should see them enjoy it. There labor page of the Record-Herald. He was not one of these criminals that states things as they exist, but infers could not be made good citizens with nothing from them, draws no remedial proper economic conditions. Yet men deduction. If he did he would not get vote for their own enslavement. We paid for his efforts."

dustrial tendencies," says President injunction H-II. Tell the comrades I Roosevelt in his Fourth of July oration. will be ready for fight when I come out. and his subsequent handling of the trust problem proved the strength of his assertion. Roosevelt's handling of the industrial problem reminds one of a cat and a saucer of hot milk. The cat sticks his nose in the milk, then jumps back and walks around the saucer mewing. Better keep your shout out, Saturday 8 p. m. Campbell and North | trial tendencies." They will deal with

> A volume on "Commercial Relations of 1901" dwells at length upon the stupidity of the French workman, and the superiority of the American, How fortry is enabled to keep us working all the time. If it were not for that we doctor, after examining the patient, "I am an immune."
>
> might starve—having no foreign peo"Immune from what?" cialistic.

"There never was a time in the history of our country when the free institutions established by our fathers were out the nature of my illness he'll disin more peril than at present", says charge me.' Burke Cochran. Right you are. The This joke is especially adapted to the brand of freedom expounded by our understanding of workingmen who haforefathers, bourgeoise freedom, the bitually vote for the "boss" class. They fredom of property and the institutions alone can appreciate its exquisite huof such freedom, are in peril-but not mor, for the reason that they are too from the source which Burke Cochran stupid to comprehend its real import. infers. Foudalism was succeeded by capitalism. Capitalism has had its day and must give place to socialism. Look upon the young giant of international socialism and then decide if the inell-

Samuel Compers and five of his bes lieutenants in the American Federation of Labor will go west and attempt to make a conquest of the new American Labor Union, which is siready a powerful rival of the older organization. Gompers will fail. The A. L. U. is sis than the A. F. of L. It is the latter organization that will finally lose its identity. It will be remembered that the A. L. U. has made socialism a part of its constitution, and has allied itself with the socialist party. Considering this fact, the quick action of Gompers and his associates looks suspicious and to say the least, is calculated to please the foes of socialism.

The fact of the class struggle and the ever widening breach between the posbecoming se palpable that a wildest inrestment firm is using the idea in its nent of object, "To eve- advertising. The following paragraphs appeared in an advertisement published in most of the big dailtes in the coun-

"A half century ago individual effort in most lines of business met its proper reward, but at the present day, when all kinds of business is carried on by a large combinations of capital, individual effort is seriously handicapped.

"As a man or woman passes the years of middle life his or her services become less valuable to most employers, and the time will come when it will be difficult for them to find employment." This investment company certainly has an up-to-date advertising agent.

A Letter from "Mother Jones" Parkersburg Jail, W. Va.,

June 28, 1902.

Knowing you are anxlous to hear Coal Company property. The meeting was billed several days before. The "Ideal Home for a workingman that ground belonged to the United Mine costs only \$1,200," is the subject of an Workers. The striking miners assembled architectural sketch in a Sunday paper, there, so did many farmers and other The idea is an excellent one and it is citizens. I was the only speaker. I probable that quite a number of work- told the miners to beg their craftsmen ingmen will profit by the suggestion. A to join us. When I got through I was little matter of \$1,260 ought not to be placed under arrest by the U. S. Marshhard to raise. On a salary of \$2 per al along with eleven others who had day a man can soon save up a compe- not said a word, put on the train, tency-that is if he will eat red rice brought from Clarksburg to Parkersburg at 12 at night, lodged in fail with go to trial before the czar of West Virginia. I look for him to give me six "It is no easy task to deal with in- months because I have been giving the

> Fraternally. MOTHER JONES.

A Joke on the Boss.

"Punch" of London, England, has always been derided in the American prets for its heavy and lugubrious jokes. What grounds there may be for this view we are unable to say, but we venture to suggest that "Punch" never perpetrated a more dismai pleasantry than the following alleged joke which appropriately enough appeared in the "New York Commercial Advertiser:"

A sallow faced, fevered looking man

"But you are suffering from yellow fever, my friend."

"I know," answered the fevered im-

The Annual Socialist Picuic.

totions of capitalistic freedom are in go to the focialist Picnic. Undoubtedly a good many of them are already cents. selling tickets. But there are always a large number of the comrades who make up their mind to sell tickets after the affair is over. The past three years has shown a steadily increasing crowd at the picnics and considering the way the party has grown the past year, there should be an overwhelming gathering. Comrades who are willing to work for the party and do not know how, should take a cue from this. This is simple work. It is easy and it is pleasant. Impress upon your friends and neighbors the fact that they will not only get their money's worth but that they will enjoy themselves as they never did before. What could be more inspiring than ten thousand so gathered together? It will spur on the active comrades and awaken the inactive ones. From a moral, political and financia

standpoint, this will be the event of the year. Let every reader purchase enough tickets for his family and all

The New York Times tells the folday that is confronting both men and Corrigan which gives a special value

his ideas of the art of living. One Sunday morning after one of these addres-ses he was approached by one of his auditors, who asked to speak with him a moment. The archbishop stopped to

seems to me" began the person that you take quite a cheerful outloof upon life. The misery and misfortune of this world don't trouble you. Hiding yourself in religion, you don't see the masses of workingmen who, tired of waiting for the happiness of the world

to come, knock at your door and ask for a little in this one."

"Ah, yes, my friend, I do," sighed the archbishop. "I have felt and seen all that, but after all I find that the only way for the most of us to render life supportable is to WORK WITH OUT REASONING.

Judging by the archbishop's efforts to xpose the "fallacies" of socialism, we should say that he consistently applied ers whose entire time is taken up in this method ti the "work" in questiin. Work without reasoning, on the part of the producing classes certainly makes life supportable for the class that reasons without working. But "Scripture says an ending to all good things must be" so now that the workingclass are beginning to reason, the parasites must find some other method to render "life supportable" and they will yet discover that the only method of doing it is by performing useful and productive work themselves.

New State Secretary.

At the last meeting of the State Executive Committee the resignation of Comrade Charles H. Kerr was tendered what these men stand for. and accepted. Subsequently Comrade Ruth Dick Hall was unaminously elect- card by this clique, in two ways. He is ed to fill the vacancy. It was decided always put forward as a central figure murderers and thieves, but who to me that \$40 per month should be allowed at the organization of new unions There A gloomy picture, a very gloomy were much more civilized than the coal the new secretary for office expenses in picture, the poor grawing poorer and barons. Poor things, they told sad addition to postage. Her address is 464 Stock Exchange Bldg. Chicago, Ill.

Twin City Lectures.

Comrade Chase will lecture in St. Paul and Minneapolis on the following dates and places:

July 22nd-Trades and Labor Council S P. M., Minneapolis. July 22rd-Trades Assembly, 6 P. M.

July 24th-Local, Minneapolis.

Locals and the Assembly.

July 25th-Local St. Paul. Everybody should hear him. He will speak in the Federation Hall, both the

Age and Service.

After serving thirty years as motorman for the Union Traction Co. and being discharged or account of an accidept to his car, Charles Kurth jumped into the lake. He was unable to find work and was told at several places that a man of 61 years was too old to be of service. He had lived in Chicago forty-six years and leaves a wife and three children. So runs an item in the daily papers last week. Kurth was "too old to be of service." But Chauncey tunate this is! Flecause the foreigner is suppid the American capital of indus-tunate this is! Flecause the foreigner is hospital and asked to be accepted as a Depew is ten years, and Itussell Sage stupid the American capitaln of indus-try is enabled to keep us working all "What is your occupation?" asked the Rockefeller and Morgan are about the Rockefeller and Morgan are about the same age, but they are "not too old for "service". However it all depends upon ples to feed, clothe, etc. What a great by a first doing husiness in Porto Rico. My employer prefers people who are in no danger of catching the disease. He has complete control and known people decided to produce for their own consumption and to consume all they consumption and to consume all they is afraid of getting it himself, so he longer worth skinning he may jump in longer worth skinning he may jump in of this clique, but they dare not make other manner, but the gentlemen who do the flaving are under no such no-

Among the many attractive features on the program for the entertainment at Headquarters Saturday evening July 19th will be musical selections by Comrades Kellogg and Cohn, declamation by Comrade Menke and guitar solo and original melody by Comrade Perhaps every single reader of this Wochowsky. Also speeches by the paper has already made up his mind to liedy delegator to the recent state convention. Tickets 25 cents, children 10

Still they Come.

Still syother addition to the ever growing list of Socialist publications. "The Stateman" of Willamsport, Pa. four rage weekly, has just made he appears ici. The editor is W. J. Driesich and manager Chas. C. Tate. Straight Socialism will be advocate in its co'piens. The above was written before we tore open the wrapper of the "Solorado Epcialist." uno ber four pase weekly just started in Cripple Creek; F. W. Taylor, editor, an I H. L. Barter, manager. Let them all come. Lots of rows for all to get in a smash at capi-

The labor union man who will accent nomination on either of the old paste stekets this fall is a SCAB .- Colorado

That's what he 's, comrade! This fall or any other fall for that matter, Same in Illinois as in Culorado.

"Dividing up". The quarterly dividend of the billion

illar steel trust, ending with June nounted to nearly \$37,000 000, an increase of \$11,327,856 or 43 per cent ave the corresponding period of last year.

PRICE ONE CENT.

Efforts of Local Unions Paralysed by Political Schemers.

LABOR'S DEMANDS REDUCED

Clique in the Chicago Federation of Labor Renders Effective Action Impossible.

In the Chicago Federation of Labor, there exists a coterie of political schemplanning how to make it appear that organized labor is identified with the Democratic Party.

This clique is trying to create the impression that the nomination of James H. Bowman for Clerk of the Criminal Court was a "recognition of labor" by the democratic party, and as such, a valuable concession to organized labor, and to conceal the obvious fact that he and the two others who have been nominated are merely on the ticket as decoys to lure the workingclass to vote the ticket, upon whose success in this state stands the rehabilitation of J. H. Eckels and Franklin McVeagh. No workingman in Chicago possessed of average intelligence needs to be told

Bowman is being played as a trump unions formed by the conditions which compel them to unite in an effort toprotect themselves against the ever lowercreased cost of neccestries, are held back by the manipulations of this clique and cajoled into minimizing their

demands. The street car men were the first to be thus checked. Afterwards the team sters underwent the same treatmentand now the freight handlers are to be the victims. The teamstersespecially might have obtained much better conditions, than the empty busk which they were induced to finally accept, through the

machinations of this group of schemers. As the time of election draws near these Judases can say to the capitalists in the Democratic Party. " We have served you well; we have fooled the workers in your interests; we have prevented them from resping the reward of their victories by preaching conservatism: Give us our twenty meres of

silver". The policy of the Chicago Federation of Labor has been perverted. Melican. who used to do the "radical" fighttalk, now uses his lungs to attack the few socialists in the Federation. He s the mouthpiece as Bowman is the figurehead, but the directing power is Walter Carmody, who looks after the interests of the Democratic Party and of course holds the strings in his position as Secretary of the Federation.

public the reason why. Bowan was the main mover in the matter, wh revolved around the boycott on the mentions these journals now as he is willing to be supported by the scale papers. Now would be the time for is over the invitation will be ex to Typographical Union No. 18, and it would occasion no surprise if Bo timeelf were to make the motion for

This underhand political trickery in being seen in its true light by an e larger number of workingmen, and the time is drawing near when these decoys will no longer be able to decleve men. The intelligent workers are ready turning from this fraud in disgust and contempt, and an increa vote for the Socialist ticket this tal by the membership of the unions will show that the decor ducks of capital-iem within the unions have largely loss

Make New Nemination

their power to attract.

At the last meeting of the Ex not a member in good standing. another convention at Socialist Pens ple July 2nd at 2 p. ra. to no candidate to fill the vacancy

Trades Unionists of Macon, Ga., as up in arms against child labor to the

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the ballot" is to be the "slogan" of a campaign begun by a number of Chi club women. This is about the limit of woman suffrage that is compa tible with capitalist class interests.

President Rootevelt has forbidden the use of "pulls" to secure promotion in merit. Now let our strenuous president issues a similar order to the trusts and the industrial problem will be settled for good.

Next time the freight-handlers decide to strike will they kindly give due notice of their intentions to the traffic managers of the ratispads? All these gentlemen seem to have been totally unaware that anything of the kind was about to happen. At least that is what they told the press reporters the day after the strike.

Republican Party in the next election. alarmed about the unfulfilled dinnerworking class voters too well to imagine them being interested in anything but capitalist quarrels.

Justice Severson of Chicago has given a new interpretation of the Illinois the effect that a child is over 14 years of age will not save an employer a fine age. Needless to say Justice Severson is an amateur in the interpretation

at Headquarters, 181 Washington St., Saturday, July 19th, 8 p. m A splendid program has been prepared for the occasion in which the most talented members of the party will appear. Ladies are specially invited. The price of tickets 25 cents, children 10 cents, will cover everything, refreshments included, which will be provided on a most liberal and varied scale. s by the indy delegates to the recent State Convention will be one of the unique features of the occasion. We hope to have the hall completely filled. add to the enjoyment of the evening.

BOOSEVELT AND THE TRUSTS.

Those who expected a furious charge on the trusts, a la San Juan from Prendent Roosevelt, are seemingly doomed to disappoinment. Judging from his recent speech at Pittsburg, that doughty warrior deems that discretion should precede valor, and has determined to reconneitre the position is no easy task to deal with industrial that does not excuse us for failure to strive to do what is possible" President Roosevelt has evidently been taught there is little doubt but that the trust owners and controllers have constitut-

What does the president mean to do he admits are so bard to deal with?

ed themselves his tutors.

laws referred to are those enacted to estrict, control and regulate the trusts. Almost every week these laws are beng set aside by Supreme Court dedisions. In not one single instance have they been effective in accomplishing that which thy were ostensibly en acted for. How is President Roosevelt going to have them enforced? Legislation that is continually set aside is not only useless but is proof that such legislation cannot be enforced.L.r. Roosevelt will have to be given more time to discover what is "possible".

· Assuming that he is sincere in the quest, he will discover that "industrial endencies" are more obstinute than he now in "gines. They don't take kindattempting to arrest or check their the dealing themselves and the nolitician who imagines that they are controllable and has the temerity to to have done. attempt the task, will find Nimself allusion to Bryan's leadership. Economic evolution cares little for presidents, however strenuous they may be.

If Mr Roosevelt possesses the inteligstep with these "industrial tendencies", and pretend that he is regulating them meanwhile. If he gets in their way or otherwise makes a nuisance of himself in an attempt to hamper them, they will ness over and crush him.

THE FREIGHT HANDLERS STRIKE

Once again the irropressible struggle between "capital and labor" has taken the form of a colossal strike in Chicago. The nine thousand men who handle local freight have asked in vain for an ncreased wage scale and have now taken the only method left them to enforce their demands.

Whatever may be the immediate result of the struggle there is one feature connected with its inceptiin which is highly gratifying to socialists who livering his vote into the hands of a have been observing the growing signs of solidarity between the workers, and the undeniable fact that the newer organizations seem decidedly more permeated with it than the older ones.

This solidarity necessarily expresses one of its phases in an instinctive distrust of 'leaders' who entrusted with responsible positions in labor organizations seek to use these bodies as sleppingstones to their political ambitions in one or other of the capitalist parties. The freight-handlers properly see in the refusal of the Chicago Federation

evidence of political trickery on the man is prepared to sacrifice their interests, for the purpose of securing the office to which he was nominated

in case the child is found to be under satisfaction to both, more especially That Bowman has placed himself in feed was the presence of several wealsuch a position is an incontestable fact, thy American lackeys who served as That the freight handlers union, a new- walters on the occasion. It is not easy Party members and their friends by organized body of workers should be the first to recognize in such actions a menace to their interests, is an Cr- stage where a pretense of humility becourseles sign of an awakening perception of distinct class interests.

These are promising signs of progress in the ranks of Union Labor but much each year. remains to be done. The enemies within the camp must first be disposed of, before the fight can be carried on against the outside enemy with any prospect of success. Whatever be the motive of a trusted union official who accents political office or favor from caplialist parties, he is a source of weakness, a standing menuce to the progress of the labor movement, and must be and no effort will be spared that will got rid of, unless the rank and file of the unions are prepared to see their efforts so for naught.

A SUPERFLUOUS DENIAL

No one needs to be reminded that the numerous fabrications which appear from time to time in the capitalist press connected with these stories, but we confers little sympathy with one Mr. Harry Lehr, who was recently made the somewhat before going into action. "It victim if some mendacious reporter who invented a "monkey dinner" at which tendencies," said the President "but the "clite" of Newport "society" were entertained, the guest of honor being on educated baboon, who sat at table with the distinguished assemblage, Mr. Harry Lehr being credited with originating the idea.

> According to Mr. Lehr, the whole sto ry is a fabrication, and he has authorized a reporter to deny his participation

know that he is a "gentleman" and that be wears no "monogram garters or gold bracelets."

Now all this show of indignation night be justifiable, if there were noth ing in Lehr's past carper to give the story an air of probability. But the fact is that so far as the "public" are concerned, his name has never yet appered in print except as a professional society buffoon, a parasite telerated and adopted by other parasites because of his peculiar talent for furnishing new "sensations" for their satiated and

The story looked plausible enough. I was quite in line with his previous achievements. If the reporte, who or ly to being "dealt with" in the sense of | iginated it had, instead of putting it into print, first communicated it to Lehr course. They are far more likely to do it is not unlikely that the latter would have eagerly grasped the idea and carried it into effect just as he was alleged

Mr. Lehr's indignation is not well walking within the "shadow of pre- founded. He "doth protest too much". destined defeat" to use Mr. Cleveland's and his protests are remarkably like those of a prostitute bragging of her virtue. If this society jester has any real grievance, it is to be found either in the fact that the reporter anticipated ence he is credited with, he will keep him or that he fears monkey competition in his business.

SHAP SHOTS BY THE WAY SIDE cording to the report.

Workingmen of Chicago are to get a practical illustration of the value of their votes this year, as the Republican sussion on each voter before the election takes place. The voter is to be reminded of the alleged benefits conferred on him by the Republican administration in the matter of prosperity. He has been given "work" and for this he should be duly thankful even if the results of his work have been appropriated by the labor skinners who own and operate the Republican party. The whole scheme is based upon the calculation that the average workingman is a chump who can be bunkeed into degang who will use it afterward to skir him. There is unfortunately too much truth in the assumption, as previous elections have shown, but the adoption of this scheme also shows that the exploiters realize that their power to exploit depends on the folly and stupidity of their victims.

Press reports of King Edward's charity dinner to half a million of London's deserving poor," read remarkably like a description of feeding time in a menagerie or zoological collection. Th beef and mutten were consumed with "perfect decorum", but the arrival of cheese worked them into a "high pitch of Labor to indorse their demands, the of enthusiasm," while with the appearance of chocolate all restraint was broken and the waiters and policemen part of officials connected therewith were helpless to stem the rush made to and their suspicion that President Bow- seize upon the unaccustomed dainty. Altogether it was a remarkable feast, and will go down in future bistory, not as a tribute to kingly generosity, but as an additional testimony to the damning by the Democratic Party, is not with- fact that the hunger of the masses was the most noteworthy phase of civiliza-They recognize however vaguely that tion in the opening years of the twenno man can serve two masters and give tiefe century, amongst one of the wealthiest communities in the world.

to account for this rather strange proceeding, unless upon the theory that our parasite class have reached the comes the proper thing upon stated occasions, just as the Emperor of Austria estentationsly washes the feet of a dozen old paupers on a certain day

The Woman's Trade Union Congress of Great Britain makes the very extraordinary charge that girls and women are still "inhumanly overworked" in those special industries where large numbers of them are empoyed. This I strange indeed, in view of the fact that about a year ago anoble selfsacrificing highly influential hand of British middie blese females brankligen for the very recessor of abolishing time linhuman overwork" which it now seems is as rife as ever. They were going to do the job in short order too, but it looks now as if they had slipped a cog somewhere

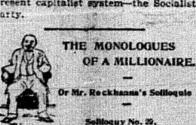
And unfortunately the chances that th Woman's Trades Union Congress will succeed where they failed, do not appear very bright, as the latter propose to adopt similar tactics. They are going to "make exposures which will shock the community."That's what the others did. They made the exposures all right, but the expected shock didn't materialize. The "community" was too ousy with the Boer war just then, and most probably the Trade Union women will discover that their projected exposures are also will timed. They should le nothing to mar the universal joy low prevalent over the recovery of King Edward, and the preparations for coroeation festivities that will once more be n order. They should wait for a favorable opportunity when the exploiters and parasites of Great Britain bave sufficient leisure to attend to them Just at present the latter are "inhumanly overworked" themselves in at lending to their own class interests Or if the Trade Union women get tire of welting they have another alternapands, brothers, and fathers vote for Socialish. That's the only way in which the "community" can be

Miller and Davis, the owner and manger of St.Luke's Sanitarium, who were held to the grand jury on a charge of manufaughter in connection with the recent fire which destroyed the hospital and twelve lives, have been discharged, the grand jury finding nothing indictable in their conduct. It is a correct finding. The individual who builds, rents or operates a fire trap, is not re sponsible. The indictment lies against the capitalist system, in which human life counts for nothing as against prof. it will be the areatest affair of the its, though no doubt this consideration didn't influence the grand jury in voting no bill against the defendents.

A report of the Census Bureau on the eather industry shows that a capital of \$134 600,000 is invested therein. Heween 1888 and 1890 the number of exabled ments decreased 68 per cent while a farther decrease of 27 per cent s wing a between 1990 and 1900. On the other band the capital invested in the industry showed an investor of 78 per ent in the last decade. Between \$50 and louble I while the product had increased over a x'old. These figures are signifi- precedented rate. caut as showing the trend towards conentiation and cheap production and Il the nore so when it is considered hat the introduction of labor saving machinery and new mothods of operation have been less marked in the leather industry than in any other ac-

Everybody seems to be down upon that unfortunate class known as the "idle rich". Even Professor Small of the work. party has decided upon a house to the Chicago University is "agin" them. house canvas in order to use personal and thinks that the "law of interest" should be suspended in their case, "Nobody should be paid interest on money they did not earn and which they are not using for the good of the community", says the professor, but he doesn't state for which of these reasons he the people who actually earn the interest, have it, professor? That would settle the hash of both the active and passive parasites, and at the same time be for the good of the community also. wouldn't it.

> It is worthy of remark as an evidence of the power of economic questions to force themselves upon the attention of political parties who have heretofore gnored them, that the majority report on platform at the Prohibition state convention recently held in Pearly contained demands for women suffrage,old age pensions, income and inheritance taxes, initiative and referendum, municipal ownership and control of public utilities, compulsory arbitration, and election of United States senators by direct vote. The minority report, declaring for the "single issue" of prohibition, was, however, adopted by a vote of 266 to 140. We will venture the or inion that these demands will finally prevall in future Prohibition conventions There is only one "single issue" party in the field that can afford to dispense with "reform" measures—the party which stands for the abolition of the present capitalist system-the Socialist rarty.



I'm now to visit potentates, and princes of the blood Whose lineage goes "skipin" back to Noah and the flood.

Though my ancient stock ia shady, and
/I'm of low degree.
My mank account will fix the thing and
nail the job for me.

As I am sent as diplomat to Britain's noble court,
I'll fool away my time while there, in
rare old English sport. If they shall need my services to help

them bag the game, They'll find I'm their man to a "T" there I'm never lame. Though I may not be up to date

atate diplomacy: I'll see that when the job isdone,there's lots in it for me. I'll try my hand at baccarat with Eng Now that he's lord o'er all the realm, the people's coin he'll fling.

Should some fortune hunting noble with high ancestral name. Require the wherewithal to fill empty purse and fame; e got the dots and daughters too

He can take his pick at Newport or New York in the fall. Lo the jingle of the guinea must unite

the low and high.
Far above the man is money far above the truth a lie. Let me add before I leave you to accept an honored role ...
Where if I can win a dukedom, I will gladly give my soul.
That the time has come for action, over here as well as there: Socialism must be smothered, a not an hour to spare.

Like Spartan's at Thedmopoly we're not a numerous band, Yet we must hold monopoly o'er every And thus I go to meet my prince, to be his honored guest,

be his honored guest. While you may hear from me again. FRANK FINSTERBACK.

Chas. D. Raymer of Minneapolis has en nominated for mayor by the Solutist party of that city. Comrade mamber of the Retail Discha Protective Association and an

MANACERS COLUMN

bove all else, sell Picnic Tickets. But dont forget to hustle for new ubscribers.

One pocket full of "sub" cards and the other of pionic tickets will keep you evenly balanced. Try it.

Keep pienty of petition blanks on hand at your outdoor meetings.

The dividends paid and interest set-tled during the first six months of the A number of comrades from country towns laid in a good supply of 'sub" present year are simply maryellous in their grand aggregate. They amount to \$428,911,000. In January \$132,000,000 was distributed: in February \$59,988,911: carda last week.

The ladies will have full charge of the entertalment at Headquarters July 19th and it goes without saying that season. An organ will be disposed ofand so will fee cream, lemonade and cake. There of admission, factualing refreshments 25c-a splendid program has been provided and you better be

on hand early to get ir at all. Local Decatur takes the lead this week with an order for \$10.00 worth of sub, carls, with locals Streater and Staunton not much behind.

Local Sva . von orders another bunch of sub cards.

Our country cousins are getting down to work. Bur 'is orders and sub, cards Swithe number of employes had herely are pouring in not only from Illinois but from adjoining states at an un-

The writer of this column is an opportunist. I believe in striking while the ron is hot, and make use of every OPPORTUNITY to advance the cause of Socialism.

As stated last week the paper ought per day-nothing of the hideous sweatto be more generally read by the unionists of this city. Our appeal has unsanitary factories, where the slaves brought good results, but much remains to be done, and it devolves on sotheir lives away in hopeless drudgery. cialists, who are in the unions, to do Overlook the prostitution, the pauper-There never was a more OPPOR-

TUNE time to present the claims of aside all the conditions necessary to the socialism among members of labor unions than at present. The freight-handlers are out on strike

They will have plenty of time to read and think. Give each of them a copy of the paper.

would despoil them. How about letting | Our comrades in Washington adopted a platform that is a model both as der's world-and you are a stockholder! to contents and expression. It declares in ringing tones for clear cut socialism. This nowever, did not prevent the convention from adopting a set of resolutions setting forth the attitude of the party on certain specific point viz. labor legislation, eight hour law, farmer resolutions etc.

By the way, things seem to be moving in the western states.

The photograph of members state Convention is on exhibition at Headquarters Orders for same can be left at the offce or with Comrade Geo. Evars. Price 50 cents.

The City Central Committee mee s this evening (Jaly) 12th).

The S. S. S. Picnic tomorrow promises to be a grand sucess. The proceeds of this pienic go to the temple Fund and every socialist is interested. Tickets are for sale at this office.

Every day a great number of stran gers call at the office for information oncerning the location of the different We keep as complete a list as possible on file but are often unable to furnish the desired information. Evidently the working people have an idea, that the socialists and the unions are closely affiliated.

The unions would find it to their interest to keep this office informed concerning location and time of meetings which will be published FREE OF CHARGE

Only last Monday three persons called for information where to pay their he ran for the Dominion Parliament, appointed.

nance of the trust as a political issue. Please remember that you have very pressing engagement at Hendquar-Trust" which appeared in a previous ters July 18th Let nothing prevent your presence that evening.

"SELFISH MISCONCEPTIONS."

Semi-Annual Report of Dividends to Can taliets Made to Appear as Prosperity".

Your very ideas are but the outgrowth sisco and Walter Wellman. The correof the conditions of your bourgeois pro-duction and bourgeois property, just as your jurisprudence is but the will of your class made into a law for all a will whose essential characteristics. Current caricature is also a fease essential character and direction litions of existence of your class.

The selfish misconception that indu-I mature and of reason, the social forn springing from your present mode of production and form of property—his-torical relations that rise and disap-pear in the progress of production— this misconception you share with eve-ry ruling class that has preceded you!

We recommend to aur readers the following editorial from the "New York Commercial," to be studied in the light of the above quotation from the Communist Manifesto. It gives an excel lent opportunity to observe the working of the "selfish misconception" in the minds of the capitalist class—the assumption to speak in the name of all society, and the confident hope of an eternity of exploitation.

The dividends and interest payments

of July this year will exceed in volum those of any previous July in the his tory of the country. They will an own tory of the country. They will among to very nearly \$135,000,000, or \$14.00,000 more than the disturrements of Juliant year. The dividend record has be increasing steadily for the last of the last o reasing steadily for the last years, which is due in large part drubt to the fact that the process consolidation of interests has been progress during that time, and its fects are now being shown in the arm sing of profits. Previous to this of these were thousands of small corporations that numerical showed themsely

to them under the old system of option. Railroads, by combining their forces, have been able to float bond is sues of vast magnitude, and the pay ment of interest on these goes to swell the large amount of money that is dis-tributed. The country never before saw a day when so much gold was parcelled out to INDIVIDUALS as that in which

Say nothing of the hundreds of thou

sands of workingmen pow on strike for

their average annual wage of \$248-no-

thing of the infants in the Southern

texile mills spinning cotton for 10 cents

shops, the murderous rolling mills, the

who produce this golden stream wear

ism, the hunger, the suicides, the hell-

ish competition for employment, put

production of this semi-annual half bil-

lion now being distributed to "individ-

uals." Keep your eye on the ever swel-

ling pile of gold and let the sight of it

Enjoy the "selfish misconception."

temporarily at least. It is a stockhol-

The July "Comrade".

The July issue of "The Comrade" will

be found quite as interesting as usual

in every feature. The opening article

deals with Walter Thomas Mills school

of social economy and reproduces nu-

merous photographs of the principals,

pupils and Board of Examiners con-

nected with the school. John Spargo

has an article on "Child Labor in Free

America." while Peter Burrows tells

how he became a Socialist. May Wai-

story, "A Vote That Was Lost," other

contributors being Leonard D. Abbot,

Martha Eleanor Elkins, Geo. D. Her-

instructively of the great Maison Du

Peuple in Brussels, of which famous

edifice an excellent picture is given.

Numerous cartoons, illustrations, and

portraits of well known Socialists are

given. The editorial deals with the

deciaration of the Western Labor Union

for Socialism and its probable effects.

a page of book reviews completing the

Wilshire's Magazine.

"Wilshire's Magazine" for July is

preceding issues. The editor provides a

large share of the reading matter in a

description of his recent political cam-

paign in West Elgin, Canada, in which

The article on "The Significance of the

number is again reprinted. The usual

Father Heiter, which fell through on

account of the latter backing out com-

pletes the total of "Wilshire ideas" in

the number. Other contributors are

Richard Le Gallienne, who writes of

the "American Invasion," James L. Cowles, Charles Ferguson, A. B. Fran-

ture and several miscellaneous articles

make up the remainder of the maga-

zine which as usual is above all things

CORRESPONDENCE.

Activity in Bookford

The building Trades have been on strike here for a week new, headed by the Carpenters Union. Comrade Sauners made them a stirring speech, at Union Hall Saturday evening, which was enthus; astically received, and he was invited to speak to them again, which he did this forenoon. Nati. Vice, Pres. Regan and Local Pres. Sullivan of the Carpenters Union also made short speeches, all of them dwelling upon the necessity of united action, and of standing one by another. Comrade Saunders used the occasion to give them an object lesson in Socialism. There will also be a union mass meeting at the east side park tomorrow night, at which

so be a union mass meeting at the east side park tomorrow night, at which Comrade Saunders will speak again.

We feel that Comrade Saunders could not have arrived here at a more opportune time than the present, and the work that he is doing amongst the stylkers, is going to be of great value to our cause in this city.

Comrade Saunders gave the members of the local a splendid "chalk talk" Sunday morning and spoke at an open air meeting in the evening on the cor-

oke at an oper ag on the cor-

Editor Chicago Socialist:-

The building Trades have be

Rockford, July 7th, 1002.

eminently readable and attractive.

contents of the number.

hypnotize you.

The wage system must go, it has not single redeeming feature.

to be a millionaire.

ciglists will convert him.

out to individuals as that is war it is now rejoicing. It is the golden era of America's prosperity; the HARVEST DAY OF A PEOPLE THAT HAS SOWN WELL AND CULTIVATED THOROUGHLY.

It is always safe to presume that the friend of labor has an ax to grind,

SOCIALIST POINTERS.

One way to avoid heat prostration is

Gompers who is on a trip through the West should watch out or the so-

Speaking about who will be the spocessor of Roosevelt why not make it a socialist?

in March \$56,781,599; in April \$78,958,-734; in May \$53,705,161; and in June \$47,876,604. Adding the \$124,600,900 to be disbursed next month brings the grand total of the distribution to more than How do you enjoy playing ping-pong half a million collers—a figure at widch the human mind almost staggers. in your sweaty old clothes after a hard With such a record as this to CUR credit there can be no question of the NATIONAL PROSPERITY that is day's work?

The institution of private property is respinsible for nearly all of the crime in the world.

No millionaire is afraid the posses-

overwhelming US. That it will continue depends entirely on OUR own
management in the future. It can be
maintained and increased, if the wise
policy of the past is achered to. It can
be driven from US as quickly as it was
drawn to OUR shores, if WE neglect
the lessons that its coming is calcuinted to teach. sion of money would be an incentive for his son to loaf. Coal mine owners do not care for

public sentiment. The only thing that a bare subsistence wage-nothing of interests them is profit. the 150,000 miners who have thrown down their picks and shovels in an By the way, you don't notice that effort to get a ten per cent increase on

heat prostrations are taking place along the Lake Shore drive. No socialist should bring less than two girls to the picnic and now is

the time to begin to pick them out.

Senator Clark's millions will not buy him a seat in the senate when the western miners thoroughly understand so-

Some day the coal miners will see that they cannot be locked out on the political field and the day is not far min in the hill

Some of the summer resorts only cost \$10 and \$12 a day but that is the kind to go to. Nothing is too good for the workingmen and their families.

Members of the NewYork 400 may eat dinner with a monkey but they will never disgrace themselves by eating with a workingman.

It is a wise workingman who smokes with the friend of labor before election because after that the friend does not know the workingman. Anyone who thinks that you can't

fool all of the people all of the time should watch the effects of President den Kerr contributes an interesting Roosevelt's sham fight on the trusts. At the hour of soing to press none

of the murderers of babies in the mills ron, Paul Shivell and "J. S," who writes of the South had been hung for the crime. The capitalists order all of the ice

they want and never ask about the price. It is nice to be a capitalist at times. Judging from the Washington state

platform the boys on the Pacific coast are not afro'd to give the postic real socialism for their consideration Look ever the cause for the suicides reported in the daily papers from day, fully up to the high standard set by

to day and you will read a terrible in-

dictment of the capitalist system. Members of the Chicago council are incensed that they should be called boodlers. It sounds so much nicer to

be called business men. The intentions of labor leaders who are running for office on the democratio ticket may be all right but when they editorial comment on current topics and secome a part of the democratic maan account of the Buffalo debate with

chine they will be powerless.

How lucky you are to be poor. A New York men has just given \$4,090,000 for the benefit of the poor. You never hear of anyone doing as much for the rich.

There is no danger that the democrate party will be reorganized into another republican party. The capitalists need it for a decoy duck with Tom Johnson as head decoy.

A Massachusetts man has closed his lactory and taken his wife to Europe to cultivate her voice. Those workingmen who thought they couldn't get along without him have found out that they bave to.

It must be very comforting to the vorkingmen who have won shorter nours or more pay by means of a hard strike to hear Mark Hanna credited with bringing them all of this prosperity.

"Buried Like a Dog." According to the newspaper reports

for a pet dog of Miss Leiter's which deld recently, a handsome casket was used in burying it and a simple service performed as the last rites. A costly marble shaft will mark the spot where the brute lies. Many a darling child passes away whose parents are unable to either purchase a respectable casket r a simple little beadsto

the poor, miserable wage-slaves are ives to be blamed for their wretched condition, but as long as they are foolish enough to perpetuate ystem which allows the of their just compensation, to be us in extravagance and upon nonsent hims, just so long will the parasites methus to suck their blood. Under scialism all children would be buried.

Perhaps it may be cruel to say that

with these industrial tendencies that in toto. There was no 'monkey dinit's simple enough. Enforce the laws Such reports are mortifying to him. He hat are on the statute books. The wisher the "public" once for all to

MULES, TRAINERS, AND RIDERS (A parable)

By W. J. MCSWEENEY.

"A Mule who has been ridden for thirty years."

going to the Church as he should on we must divide with them." Sunday, he is reading newspapers, attending labor union meetings and visiting lager be w saloons, a course of con- you were so basty and hot headed. You duct which has shaken his confidence are getting more feed than your fathers in the Bible, made him discontented got, their harness was made of ropes with his lot, and prepared his soul for while yours are made of leather. You them. When you die, the scars and the damnation bow wows No stone was have a roof to your stalls, while they left unturned in trying to get the work- were turned out on the grass, and you ingman back to the Church, beer and should have better sense than get baby sandwiches were tried-no good. Music mules around you to eat up a part of and dancing was tried-wouldn't work, your feed. I certainly cannot increase Ice cream and cigars were thed-no your feed at this time, as my son is use. The unappreciative rascal "just going to attend a convention of expert shook his head at everything, so that riders to be held in London next month, it is safe to say that the Church has which I find to be very expensive, as given the workingman up for bad, and the seats are very high and he must the workingman has given the Church wear as many diamonds as other deleup for good.

But there was a time and not so very arrested if he did not attend Church on Sunday, and such laws are now on the States, but not enforced. Very true to be done or the servant class would you are hungry." get suspicious and make trouble, but all history, including the Bible itself shows beyond dispute or contradiction that the Church was intended in the first place for the workingman or the servant class. For instance, the Bible distinctly states that a rich man can no more go to Heaven than a Buffalo can go through the eye of a needle, so that he was excluded from the Church entirely, or in other words, he was ordered to keep his hands, off and mind his own business, but he went to church just the same, for no other purpose than to show a good example to his workingman. The Bible also states that to get any benefit from its mysterious precepts that a man must be meek, humble, and lowly. Is it reasonable to suppose that the master was intended to be meek and humble to his servant? How ridiculous this is when we come to consider that the master had the right and was upheld by the Church in killing a workingman during the earlier periods of bistory! No, the Church was intended and has always been used tokeep the workingman chasing heavenly rainbows, while the shackles of industrial slavery were being riveted tighter on his feet. This is why the Church and the master class who have always gone hand in hand, are weeping and shedding tears over the workingman deserting the Church. The churches are a white elephant on their hands, as they are of no earthly use to the parasite or master class, and thousands of them are now being sold under the hammer for debts. and used for mercantile purposes, as

well as marts of trade. But somebody says, "are the churenes not conferring a great blessing on

Pennsylvania. These animals were a shock to our dignity, to say nothing used by their owner for general purposes, but principally for saddle use. When he first started in the taule business he fed them two quarts of cats a day, and drove them ten miles. As the years rolled on he became fat, prospeus, and happy, and of course his busings increased to such an extent that It was necessary for him to drive his mules fifty miles a day, but he still fed them two quarts of oats.

The mules stood this as long as they id but from time to time complained to their rider of your stalls, broken harness, and not enough of outs,but the rider told them the times were so good business so prosperous that he had no time to attend to the complaints or the rag chewing of mules, but the mules decided to hold a meeting, talk over their grievances, and see if something could be done to better their condition. Some people, mostly riders, had to laugh at these broken down mules as they tried to reach their meeting place. Some had spavio, other were winded, quite a number were hide bound. In jority the only was their rider could get again in the saddle on their backs, as to feed them three quarts of oats se duty it was to wait on the boss cting the strongest mule with the ort ha mess as spok sman he scoressed the rider in this way:

. Lynn we are a committee se y your muies who desire us to

Weeping and wailing and sad lamen-, The festering scres on our backs are tations are the order of the day at the | constantly irritated and never given present time in the churches. They say time to heat. When we first carried riand prove that the workingman can no ders our backs were not quite so lenger be coaxed, bribed or induced by sore. Then you rode us ten miles a day any means to enter them. All church- and fed us two quarts of orts, while as admit that the condition of the work- now you drive us fifty miles a day and ingman is bad, and getting still worse, give us no more. In those days we were every day, but claim that divine or single mules, and could eat all our oats spiritual assistance is what he is suff-; ourselves, but now we have baby mules ering for. They claim that instead of who are still to young to be ridden, and

Rider-'You mules are very foolish and I am sorry for you, and I am sorry the Lord's wish that it should be so gates or he will be laughed at.I will also eny hammocks on Sundays. Don't be state that when you mules are ready long ago, when the workingman was for your oats, and willing to be ridden again, I will not need you all, as I find that most of you are so crippled time, as he is preparing his son, to go statute books of most all New England up with spavin and sore back that it is a waste of oats to ride you again. You these laws applied to the leisure or can leave my presence now for good, master class as well. Certainly this had and be sure you don't come back until

The rider now calls up the Church and orders the Bishop sent to him right away, whom he addresses in the following language:

"It seems to me, sir, that you are neglecting your duty as the spiritual adviser and expert trainer of mules in this district. My animals have all refused to be ridden and actually got together in a bunch. For a long time I have had trouble with them, as they have been taking the bit in their mouths kicking up their heels, and tossing their heads in the air to such an extent that it was not only uncomfortable for the rider but about as much as his life was worth to get on their backs. They now have the audacity and cheek to ask for more oats, better stalls and harness, when times are so good and business so prosperous that they are constantly being ridden. I have done everything that a charitable and humane rider could do for those mules in the past. I put up a nice building for them so that they could meet you on Sunday and get your beavenly advice, and if I hadn't given them a protective tariff, they would be getting one quart of oats a day instead of two, and instead of sores, their backs would be broken as they are in other countries. I helped to give them a balance of trade, which they should be delighted at, as it has carried their flag to all corners of the globe.

"Now sir, I want you to try your old time influence immediately on those mules. You have my permission to offor them anything that you think of, except oats, stalls and harness. Don't forget to tell them that their interests and mine are identical, and that when- enly rainbows passed current for riding labor at the present time by having two over their backs are festering that I am of their most prominent members, Pot- jumping up and down in my sleep. Diter and freland, serve on the Board of vide them up in good shape. Tell that Arbitration which will settle all differ- Irish animal that the German mule is ences between capital and labor, and an A. P. A. and couldn't repeat the bring strikes and lockouts forever to an Lord's prayer as John the Baptist did, end show capital and labor that their if he got a coal mine Tell them that interests are identical, and that what any mention of politics in the Union will hurts the one will hurt the other etc." ruin them and only get their backs I will answer this by telling a tale of sorer. This matter concerns you, sir, what happened to a wealthy man some as well as me, for if those mules refuse time ago, who was the fortunate owner to be ridden, you and I will have to of a great many mules in the State of walk in the future, which will be quite

of helpe rough on our feet." The Bishop replied by saying:

"I hope that you will forgive me, sir, under cover. Your tariff nonsense we and I am heartly sorry for the trouble and inconvenience you are having with | tection mules get no more oats than your mules. I tried all presible means from trade animals. The Nicaragua or to keep them attending my Sunday Panama route don't concern us, as we meetings, which kept them safe and are not ship owners. You say we are contented, but they got reading crazy happy because we send so much bats books and newspapers which are a out of the country. If that is true, my curse to all riders who have a divine dear sir, why not send it all away and right to be carried by mules, and they have a heaven on earth here immerefuse to come near me any more. How- distely? You must also remember that ever I will see them and try and arrange matters so that you can jump be out of place in our stalls, and that into the saddle right away and have

Thus instructed the Bishop proceeded to the hall were the mules meeting was being held, and having obtained the floor, commenced his address by say-

"My dear brethren! I am here today earthly use to us, as the halter has got in the interests of peace, harmony and arbitration between mules and their riders, and will say that this trouble is a severe shock as well as an inconvenience to the community at large. I pray and hope to see the day when mules. You gibly preach of the prince of peace and their riders will be friends, when and the lowly Nazarene while you are by divine assistance it will be possible crowning king riders as well as enfor them to see and understand that their interests are identical, and that expicitation, the world over," they should go band in hend. That this is true is proven by the tremendous by asking the speaker if he had been amount of oats you are losing every trading the dangerous and pernicious day, while your rider is losing neavily literature of socialism.

The mule continued by saying: Yes.

have a protective tariff or free trade, the Nicaragua or Pagama route, just any difficulty. He is even willing to electric lights, street cars and telename of the heavenly father, accept if you will agree to be meek humble and lowly in the future and not kick your heels so high that you will break both your rider's neck and the Lord's commandment, I think I can get him to move the saddle two inches back from your sores.

It is your duty to attend the meetings prepared for you on Sundays, and remember that if you have troubles, it is and the fact that the Lord sent so many mules here, shows beyond a shadiw of a doubt that he is greatly in love with sores on your backs will be the only credentials you will need to pass you into heaven, while your rider will be lucky if he ever gets in at all, and if he does it will be on a mule's proxy. If you are faithful and don't kick in this world, you will go to Paradise when you die, where you will do nothing but travel through the parks, cafes and hotel corridors on week days, and play ping pong, smoke cigars and swing in heavfoolish enough to think that you mules have all the troubles, for your rider is almost worried to death at the present as a delegate to a convention of experriders to be held in London next month which is very expensive undertaking for him, but will be a great credit to you mules. I know something about this myself, as we crowned a joung expert rider not long ago in Spain, and it took sixteen Bishops like me to hold a canopy over his head and keep his silver trappings from tralling in the dust. You should be the happiest niules in the world, as you have the grandest country that the sun ever shone on You have a balance of trade in your favor, which has startled the world, for by your industry, plack, perseverance and prudent babits, you are sending two billion dellars werth of oats out of this country every year. Remember that the Bible says that poor mules with sore backs you will always have with you. The Churches, my dear brothren, have their own trials and troubles, but have learned to bear them patiently. For instance, the riders in one Church have been feudal lords and land harons in the Phillipine Islands for centuries, and we are now selling the land and the mules of that country body, boots and breeches to a foreign nation. Remember poor Lazarus, how he had to sit up nights and rub witch hazel into his sores so that he could get some sleep, but when he died he had nothing to do but go to a three dollar a day house in paradise."

At this point an old mule who was covered with scars and broken harness took the floor and said that he would like to say a few words to the Bishop from the mule's side of the care. After getting some hearty cheers from the

other mules he said: "The sham concessions which you offer here are all in the interests of riders, and as everybody knows, you are a member in good standing in that a nutshell:

class. There was a time when heavprivileges, but that day has passed misleading nonsense which you have given us here tonight, can only be classed as a mass of bungling contra-

dictions. You say that the rider's interests and ours are identical, but more oats would would ruin him. You say that when our backs are festering that he has the nightmare, but he seems to get fat and healthy, while we are getting thin and weak. Your Church has always played a double dealing act in the open, while you have fought the battle of the rider have no earthly use for, as high promunicipal gas and electric lights will we are too tired, broken down, and weary, to ride in street cars, and if we did, your riders would laugh at our broken harness. As for telephones don't mention them, my dear sir. They are only intended for the west groomed ears of the riders, and would be no our ears in such shape that the reclever would not fit them.

You tell mules they will have mansions in the moon, and tell the rider he is entitled to castles on the carth

At this point the Bishop interrupted

ing to meet you half way. He will give thirty years. It is called the Rights you gold standard or 16 to 1. You can and Wrongs of Labor and should be read by every mule in the land, "Then" whichever you please, and if you prefer said be, "they would all laugh at the divine mystery and moonshine of you say so, and if you think a little recipro- Church riders. They will get rid of city with Cuba would be a good thing, their scars, sored and harness and com-I can get-him to consent to it without pel the riders to get off their backs forever. They will then cease to be mules give you municipal ownership of gas, or beasts of burden, and stand before the world as noble freemen holding aphones, and my advice to you is in the loft the banner of justice, and I am satisfied that the time has come when those liberal and generous terms, and the mules of all countries should unite. they have nothing to lose but their harness and a world to gain."

THE AGITATORS. By Wm R. For.

An agitator preached in Galilee. Proclaiming loud that selfishnes is lose uce!" they shricked. Silent he would not be.

They bound him, accourged him, natied him on a cross. 'As conscience dictates I do claim the

And would not cease, though asked in terms polite: So they politely burned him at the

To worship God!" a rude disturber

Another said: "Among the rights of men
Are life and liberty and the pursuit
Of happiness." We hear him now, or

when Armies and navies came to make him

Then cried a break-peace: "Lo, God's justice sees No difference between the white and black And he will judge you as you deal with

these! We mobbed him, hung him-stfil he would come back. Still tramps the agitator through the

Making his godiess clamor night and He prods us, shakes us, wakes us; up we stand: "Well, well, what is the matter any-

He simply asks us that we kindly give Unto the workers all that they deserve .- The full amount they carn. Well, as

The agitator has his uncient nerve!

Slavery-Old and New.

Fifty years ago they told the truth about some things,-for instance, if John White could compel Jim Black to work for him, and him only, Jim Bhak was frankly called a slave.

Suppose Jim desired to "light out," and work in some other part of the country, Jim's master would make a est country weekly, like the following:

"\$100.00 Reward."

"I will pay the above reward for the

JIM.

who ran away last Tuesday night. Said Jim is very black fullblooded negro, about 5 ft., 8 inches high; has a full round face and broad flat nose; no special marks—has a sheepish look and avoids observation. It is believed the said Jim is making for Ripley, across the Ohlo river.

the Ohio river.

JOHN WHITE, Owner."

Today, however, all this is done in a different manner. The results, to be sure, are the same but the means are more genteel and no distinctions are made on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude. The following press dispatch tells the story in

Milwaukee, June 14.—Court Commis-sioner Rocher today granted a tempor-ary injunction forbidding George Von Spreckelson from leaving the Helt Manufacturing Company to enter the employ of the West Allis Mallesbit Iron and Chain Belt Company. The Chain Belt Company feared Von Spreekelson would transfer his intimate knowledge of its drawings and models to the other concern.

Aside from proof of the fact that the be a blessing to us, while he says it Chain Belt Manufacturing Company has forged a serf's collar for Von Spreckelson, this injunction throws light on another matter, namely, that the capitalists are absolutely dependent on wage slaves like Von Spreckelson, for their wealth. Capitalist John White might sail for Europe to be gone a year -would the Company get out an infunction to prevent him? No. Let him to for ten years. Providing he leaves

Con Streekelson behind to work. Within the skull of the wage-worker -the modern chattel slave-lies all the power to create food, wealth, everything necessary for the life of the world. How then can be believe this fairy tale—that he is dependent upon capitalists for his daily bread?-Los Angeles Socialist.

Offer was Ignored.

The American Tract Society once offered \$50 for the best tract on "The Impropriety of Dancing". There was a Socialist around in the person of Horace Greeley to take advantage of this opportunity. He copied the announce ment in the New York Tribune, and

"We would suggest premiums to be offered as follows: "\$20 for the best tract on the right

cusness and consistency of a Christian appetites and enjoyments of himself and family, while there are a thousand families within less than a mile of him who are compelled to live on less than 2200 per year.

consness and Christianity of a Christian building a house for the exclusive residence of himself and family at

the most out-of-the-way corners."

"That there may be no pecuniary hindrances we will pay the premiums if the American Tract Society will publish the tracts."

Greeley was never called on to pay the premiums,-Ex.

An Insufficient Criterion.

Colorado Socialists have incurred the disapproval of the Chicago Chronicle international and revolutionary move- the gifted "Marquise De Fontenoy" ment contemplating the complete over- who in the columns of the Chicago throw of the capitalistic system and the establishment of a co-operative garding the "better class" in London? commonwealth that gives the laborer the full benefit of his production". The Here for instance is a chunk referring force in this declaration, merely, because he judges all men by his own intellectual standard. it may be admitted indeed that if all those yet unconverted to socialism were as stupid as himself, physical force would be the only means of propaganda left, as it would be a sheer waste of breath arguing with brainless folks. But the Colorado Socialista proceeded on the assumption that there were enough inlelligent people in the world to understand their platform and carry it through at the ballot box.

Exploitation and Organization.

Concessions worth \$25,000,000, which include all the street rallway franchises of Havana, have been secured by New York and Chicago cupitalists.

Four of the largest restaurants in St. Louis, Mo., have combined under the title of the St. Louis Catering Co. with a capital stock of \$1,500,000.

New Orleans Rallways Co. has iccreased its capitalization from \$5,000,con to \$40,000,000. Papers of incorporation were filed in Trenton, New Jersey, last week.

New York capitalists are organizing a combination which will control the majority of street railways in New Hampshire. The capitalization is between eight and nine million dollars.

and West Side Belt Railroad Company have corrol dated. Capital of the comb'cation as \$14,000,000. Mechanics Bank and First National

18ttsburg Terminal R. R. & Coal Cc.

Bank of Pittsburg have consolidated. straightforward statement, in the near- Empire State Savings Bank of Buffalo is about to merge with another bank in the same, city, 1 1 ,

Beet sugar senators have requested President Roosevelt not to speak on Cuban reciprocity when he goes out on the stump. The request is only made for the reason that the beet sugar men den't feel quite strong enough to make it a demand.

The combination of independent shipyards on the lakes is said to be planned for the purpose of eveniually selling the properties to the Ship building Trust.

Federal Sugar Trust has been incor porated in New Jersey with a capital of \$50,000,000. C. A. Spreckels and associates are in control.

Petitions have been filed by a woman stockholder in Boaumont. Texas, asking that the business of seven local oil companies be placed in the hands of a reciever. The petitioner claims that these concerns have defrauded her in the matter of dividends.

Cripple Creek gold mining concerns are consolidating, several of the largest having combined last week. . .

Burke Cockran has been notified by District Attorney Rand that no criminal

In the British House of Commons the astonishing disclosure was made a few days ago that the Oil Trust had not yet secured control of the oil fields in

Ratiroad mileage of the U.S. has passed the 200,000 mile mark. Of this mileage 135,000 are under the control of though the Penn, comrades are loth one or two great combinations.

Powler Bros., one of the largest provision dealing houses in Liverpool.England, has been abcorbed by the Swift Packing Co., of Chicago.

An improved treach digger is now in operation at Moorestown, N. J. It will The latest has it that the several plants in ordinary ground, dig a trench four feet deep at the rate of sixty feet per hour. The finish of the pick and shovel operator may not yet be in sight, but it lies ahead nevertheless.

Havemeyer and other New York capitalists will erect a \$5,000,000 sigar refinery in New Orleans.

Illinois State Notes The Socialists captured Peerla July

4th-the City Hall was ours by 9 A. M. and at 6 P. M. we "took" the Court 68 delegates responded to roll-call at

the Convention.

Rockford has been the first local take advantage of the proposition by the State Committee to send an organizer for two weeks to any local which would raise \$20.00. As a result Com rate Saunders is pushing the work in that city, as will be seen by the report from Rockford in another column. Now that the Convention is over le

us work with renewed energy to further socialism in Illinois. throughout the State to bear in

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can worship only on sufferance and in ly. Membership dues help us keep a gotion of their unions. The Socialist los

> 2nd-The Chicago Socialist is our official organ, the strength of your local will largely upn the increased circulatin of the paper in your vicinity.

RUTH DICK HALL. State Secretary.

Not to be Sniffed nt.

De ru read the "Sassiety" news, those chronicles which tell you should the "best people" and their dolngs? because of their declaration for "an Did you ever parase the lucubrations of Tribune keeps us posted every day re-If not, you don't know what you miss. to a famous London lawyer, Sir George Lewis

Sir George is one of the most celebrated figures in the London world, and enjoys the reputation of possessing damaging secrets about prominent people in sufficient quantities to HANG IAIL OR DRIVE INTO EXILE FUL LY ONE-THIRD OF LONDON CIETY, and to cause another THIRD Saturday July 26th a comedy in four to vell their faces with SHAME AND acid translated from the German en-SORROW AT THE CRIMES of their titled "For One Night Only". This te a reintives.

Birds of a feather flock together. It is before this sweet-scented gang that miss this, it is a treat. Watch out for our parvenu plutocratic American lackeys grovel in the dirt for introductions to "society" and places at coronation ceremonies. And rightly so. Our snobocracy is yet crude and unpolished in many respects and have to become acclimated so to speak. Sir George actually "enjoys his reputation" while our "better classes" still resent such a triffing affair as the steach of the Stockyards. But there's still lots of room at the top-of the dung heap.

"Made Men Think."

Our correspondent in Fairbury, Ill., eports that the visit of Comrades Kirkwill long be remembered. Their arrival posters and a committee from the varous local labor unions met the agitators as they entered the town. Although It was raining at the time, the two vocalists stood outside the door of the brella and attracted a large audience by their excellent singing, after which and sympathizers with your financial the crowd entered the hall and Comrade Kirkpatrick at once opened the was taken up and considerable socialist literature disposed of. On the next Avenue, Chicago, Ill. evening the meeting was continued in the same place and a still larger audience attended. The address was a the wage system, its results, and the necessity of socialism. A larger collection and a larger sale of literature resulted, the audience showing the keenest appreciation of the address. The agitators left next morning for Bloomington, having succeeded as our corres pondent tersely puts it In making men think" in Fairbury.

Collins in Huzelton.

A most encouraging report comes from Comrade John Collins who at time of writing was agitating in Hazelton, Pa., and "making socialists by the hundreds" to use his own expression. Hazelton is a sort of local headquarters and men from scores of mining villages for miles second flock there so the chances for agitation are very favorable. He reports sending for 4 charters. for locals in the district and that the miners are enthusiastic over socialism which they are continually discussing Comrade Collins admires the pluck and tenacity of the strikers and their families. Hundreds of men, women and children go out in the woods every day to gather buckleberries which they sell for 7 cents a quart in order to get bread conspiracy has been made out against rather than scab on their fellows. He will go from Hazelten to Latimer where the miners were shot in '97 and will give them the usual straight goods. Comrade Collins wishes to be remembered

one or two financial combinations will control every important industry in the United States and thus prepare the way for collective ownership by all

Sanuders in Rockford. State Organizer Saunders is now in

Bockford, Ill., where he will truke a tay of two works or so for the puruse of centinuing and perfecting the ork of organization in the Tenth Senatorial District. He spoke before the

ess, and its members expert of utilize the visit of the State Organizer to good purpose in spreading the principles of Sac alism throughout the district.

cal la Lickford is making standy puege.

What the Figures Show.

Durng the month of June new core porations with a capital stock of gyar \$156,000,000 filed papers of incorporation. During the six months of the present year the capital stock of newly formed combines amounted to over \$1.4 500,000,000. In 1901 the amount was over \$5,000,000,000, making a total for the 18 months of \$6,750,000,000. By far the prestest part of this tremendous sum was incorporated under the laws of New Jersey, the favorite stamping ground of the trusts.

Socialist Bramatic Clab. On Saturday July 12th the club will

present that roaring farce comedy e onigan's Fortune", including a list of specialities. Will also present on titled "For One Night Only". This is a tine comedy, has been played in one of the leading theaters in Chicago. Don't the benefit performance and dance for the "Chicago Socialist" every month. first one to be given in about a month. Watch next weeks "Chicago Socialist" for particulars. We hope that each branch will give these performances. when started their earnest consideration in the way of selling tickets and doing everything that will make them a propagands and also a financial supcess. Now about the other matter. As advance agent for the club I will state that I am already mapping out a route of the nearby towns that the club expects to take by September 1st. We will of course at first take in the towns patrick Mallory and Pease to that town | that have the strongest locals and where the socialist sentiment is fairly devwas previously advertised by means of cloped. Now, comrades, we want your co-operation, the club will not and cannot fail with the help of your co-operation, but without it can do nothing? Will you help? This is the opportunity to wake up the heatken and help prounionists hall under shelter of an um- pagate through the drama, the principles of socialism. Come on, comrades, aid, no matter how small it is, send it along, now is the time, help us to get meeting with a powerful expessition of the start by September 1st. Address the laber situation. * good collection all communications and money to Socialist Drematic Club, 120 S. Western

We think, some of us, sometime that this country is democratic. But if clear logical and forceful analysis of you have read the press disputch announcing that fifty thousand big hard

of been event in refitting the yacht Mayflower to be used for munting trips by the president, and that the half sorpasses anything owned by the Kaiser or any other idler who rides on the peoples backs, you will probably charge your mind. But we are wealthy, we can stand it! Let 'em rab it in-The voting mules as a rule dont have to pay taxes; they never get ahead enough to be able to buy anything taxable.-Vr

Just before adjourning, the United States senate thoughtfully remembered that organized labor had been hanging round nosing for scraps during the entire session and had received none. They therefore generously consented to the building of one battleship in a government yard, and so the poor dog got his bone after all, even if it was

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them the usual straight goods. Comrade Collins wishes to be remembered
to the Chicago comrades and thanks
them for placing his name on the local
licket. He will be back in time to
take part in the election struggle here
though the Penn, comrades are both
to furt with Min.

More than Probable.

Persistent rumors of the formation of
a zigantic trust in the packing industry
still fill the columns of the daily press.
The latest has it that the several plants
are being grouped around John D. Bookefeller as a central figure, the paper
giving this news stating it as a fact
already accomplished. Possibly before
this paper goes to press, final confirmatien of this cembins will be forthcomling, as amourst all the rumors circulated in the daily papers, thise referfing to industrial consolidation and
deconcentration are by far the most probable and most often verified. The advent of Rockefeller in the packing industry means the control of that industry by the Rockefeller interests and is
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SOCIALIST PARTY

The Socialist Party of America in National Convention assembled, reaffirms its adherence to the principles of international Socialism, and declares its aim to be the organization of the vorking class, and those in sympathy with it, into a political party, with the abject of conquering the powers of government and using them for the purpose of transforsing the present system of private ownership of the means of production and distribution is to collective ownership by the entire people.

Formerly the tools of production were simple and owned by the individual worker. Today the machine, which is but an improved and more developed tool of product on, is owned by the capitalists and not by the workers. This ownership on them.

Private ownership of the means of production and distribution is responsible for the ever increasing uncertainty of livelihood and the poverty and misery of the working class, and if divides society into two hostile classes—the capitalists and wage-workers. The once powerful middle class is rapidly disapparently in the min of completition. The struggle is now between the capitalist congressman Homer Whalen. For State

capitalists and wage-workers. The once powerful middle class is rapidly disappearing in the mix of competition. The struggle is now between the capitalist class and the working class. The possession of the means of livelihood gives to the capitalists the control of the government, the press, the pulpit and the schools, and enables them to reduce the workingmen to a state of intellectual, physical and social inferiority, political subservience and virtual stavery.

The economic interests of the capitalist class dominate our entire social system; the lives of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit, wars are fomented between nations, indiscriminate slaughter is encouraged and the destruction of whole races is sacroined in order that the capitalists may extend their commercial dominion abroad and enhance their supremacy at home.

But the same economic causes which developed capitalism are leading to Socialism, which will abolish both the capitalist class and the class of wage workers. And the active force in bringing about this new and higher order of society is the working class. All other classes, despite their apparent or actual conflicts, are alike interested in the upholding of the system of private ownership of the instruments of wealth production. The Democratic, Republican, and all other parties which do not stand for the complete overthrow of the capitalist system of production, are alike political representatives of the capitalist. italist system of production, are alike political representatives of the capital-

The workers can most effectively act as a class in their struggle against the collective powers of capitalism, by con-stituting themselves into a political attituting themselves into a political party, distinct from and opposed to all parties formed by the propertied class-

While we declare that development of economic conditions tends to the over-throw of the capitalist system, we recognize that the time and manner of the transition to Socialism also depend upon the stage of development reached by the projetariat. We, therefore, consider it of the utmost importance for the S. P. to support all active efforts of the working class to better its conof the working class to better its con-dition and to elect Socialists to political offlece, in order to faciliate the attain-ment of this end.

AS SUCH MEANS WE ADVOCATE: in the consective ownership of an means of transportation and communication and all other public utilities, as well as of all industries controlled by monophies, trusts and combines. No part of the revenue of such industries to be applied to the reduction of taxes on property of the capitalist class, but to be applied to the capitalist class, but to be applied by the capitalist class.

on property of the capitalist class, but to be applied wholly to the increase of wages and abortening the hours of labor of the employes, to the improvement of the service and diminishing the rates to the consumers.

2 The progressive reduction of the hours of labor and the increase of wages in order to decrease the share of the capitalist and increase the share of the workers in the product of labor.

1 State or national insurance of working people in case of accidentalists of employment, sickness and want in old age; the funds for this purpose to be collected by the government and to be administered under the control of the working class.

constituents.

But in advocating these measures as steps in the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of the Co-operative Commonwealth, we warn the working class against the so-called public ownership movements as an attempt of the capitalist class to secure government control of public utilities for the purpose of obtaining greater security in the exploitation of other industries and not for the amelioration of the conditions of the working class.

LOCAL ST. PAUL, MINN, helds its business meetings last Saturday of each month at Pfelffer's Hall, 8 Wa-tonsha St.

STATE LOCALS.

Socialists in unorganised towns can get information about starting a Lo-cal by writing to Charles H. Kerr, Secretary, 16 Fifth Ave, Chicago, III, ALTON-Aug Schippert, 439 E. 5th st. BELLEVILLE-J. Wachter, 604 Bris-tar St.

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BLOSHINGTON—Dr. J. F. Sanders,
BRESSE—Otto Friederich,
CAIRO—John Eisey.

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DANVILLE-T. J. Ford
DECATUR-Norman E. Martin.
DUNDEE-John Popp.
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GLEN CARBON-Charles Demmrich,
GLEN ELLYN-May Walden Kerr.
GRANITE CITY-J. W. Benedict.
HERRIN-Peyton Boswel.
HIMROD-F. M. Bennett.
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JACKSONVILLE-H. Hering, 737 E.
College ave.
KEWANEE-Fred Underhill.
LEBANON-R. P. Knapp.
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LA BALLE-W. J. Parks.
LINCOLN-Charles Gregor.

MOLINE-J. B. Weizentach, P. O. Box MONMOUTH-Richard T. Watson, MOUNT OLIVE-A. F. Germer, P. O. Box 131. NASHVILLE-L. T. Phillips.

sional and 43d Senatorial Districts. For Congressman Homer Whalen. For State Senator Dr. Knopfnagel, formerly of Peorla. For State Representative, F. W. Moore of Middlegrove, Ill.

Brickmaker's Union No. 14 will held s picnic at Shermerville, Ill., on July 27th. Transportation facilities on the Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad.

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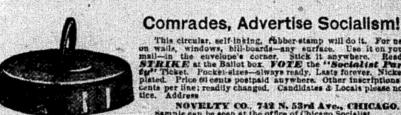
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